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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 (originally inserted by Preliminary Amendment on February 18, 2000) with the following rewritten paragraph.

--This application is a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/945,141 ^{filed 10/14/97} (now U.S. Patent 6,149,892, which issued November 21, 2000), which was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/US96/05009 filed April 11, 1996, which claims priority from

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